

**The AHTD**

# CENTERLINE

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## Commission To Hold Regional Meetings



Beginning in January the Arkansas State Highway Commission has scheduled a series of **REGIONAL MEETINGS** to discuss Arkansas' highway needs. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Citizen input is an essential part of addressing our transportation needs. Department employees are encouraged to attend. You will be advised of the meeting locations in future issues of *The Centerline*.

### JONESBORO

Tuesday, January 6, 1998  
Jonesboro High School Auditorium  
301 Hurricane Drive

### PINE BLUFF

Tuesday, January 13, 1998  
Watson Chapel High School Auditorium  
4000 Camden Road

### HARRISON

Thursday, January 15, 1998  
Harrison High School Auditorium  
925 Goblin Drive

### DUMAS/McGEHEE

Tuesday, January 20, 1998  
Location To Be Announced

### WEST MEMPHIS

Thursday, January 22, 1998  
Eugene Woods Civic Center  
212 West Polk

### TEXARKANA

Tuesday, February 3, 1998  
Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative  
2904 East 9th St.

### RUSSELLVILLE

Tuesday, February 5, 1998  
Location To Be Announced

### EL DORADO

Tuesday, February 10, 1998  
Location To Be Announced

### MONTICELLO/WARREN

Tuesday, February 17, 1998  
Location To Be Announced

### HOT SPRINGS

Tuesday, March 3, 1998  
Location To Be Announced

### BATESVILLE

Thursday, March 5, 1998  
Location To Be Announced

### FORT SMITH

Monday, March 9, 1998  
Westark Community College  
Breedlove Auditorium  
5210 Grand Avenue

### SPRINGDALE

Tuesday, March 10, 1998  
The Jones Center for Families Chapel  
922 East Emma Avenue

### FORREST CITY

Tuesday, March 17, 1998  
East Arkansas Community College  
1700 Newcastle

### MENA

Thursday, March 19, 1998  
Mena Middle School Auditorium  
304 Mena Street

### LITTLE ROCK

Tuesday, March 31, 1998  
Location To Be Announced

# Salary Increase Not Available

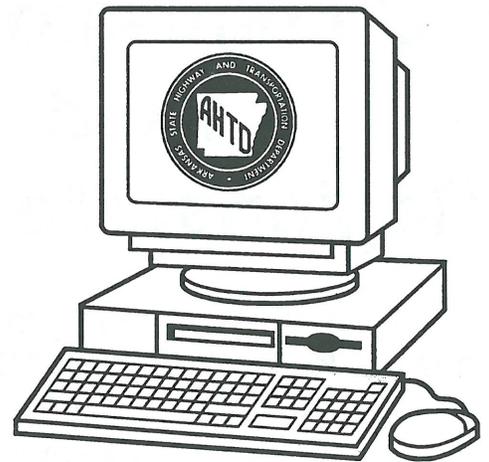
In the April 17, 1997 issue of *The Centerline*, under the heading "Salary Benefits" the following statement appeared. "An additional 2.0% salary increase may be considered by the Commission for the biennium if the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines there are sufficient general revenues for all state employees to receive the increase."

The Department has been advised that the State's Chief Fiscal Officer has determined there will not be sufficient general revenues to fund the 2.0% additional salary increase. Therefore, state employees should not anticipate an additional salary increase in the current fiscal year.

## AHTD Web Site

<http://www.ahtd.state.ar.us>

You can now visit the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department at <http://www.ahtd.state.ar.us> on the World Wide Web. Available on the Department's home page are press releases, most frequently asked questions, facts, administration and organizational information, and construction contract information. Also available from the AHTD home page is how to obtain highway maps, permits and road condition information during adverse weather conditions. The AHTD home page also contains links to other state and federal agencies.



## Inclement Weather Policy Correction

An article that appeared in last month's issue of *The Centerline* on the Department's Inclement Weather Policy contained an error. Regarding days that the inclement weather policy is in effect, the article states, "Employees who do not report to work at all will be charged leave calculated between the excused time and the employee's normal ending work schedule."

The policy actually states that employees who do not report to work at all will be charged leave for a full day.



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# Commission Meeting and Letting Schedule

The Highway Commission has scheduled the following Commission Meeting and Letting dates for 1998.

January 6 and 7 (no letting)  
February 18  
April 1  
May 13

July 1  
August 12  
September 23  
November 18

## ROAD CONDITION DIRECTORY

*The following is a list of 24-hour service phone numbers that may come in handy during adverse weather conditions.*

### Arkansas Road Conditions: 501-569-2374

#### Road Conditions for Surrounding States

Alabama .....	334-242-4378	Missouri .....	800-222-6400
Kansas .....	913-266-4135	Oklahoma .....	405-425-2385
Kentucky .....	800-459-7623	Tennessee .....	800-858-6349
Louisiana .....	504-754-8500	Texas .....	800-452-9292
Mississippi .....	601-987-1212		

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25 are state holidays for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Also Thursday, January 1, 1998 is a state holiday in observance of New Year's Day. All work will be suspended except in cases of emergency.

The Arkansas State Highway Commission and Director wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

# AHTD PEOPLE



## NEW EMPLOYEES

### Legal

Mark Leverett, Attorney

### Surveys

Ralph Pridgeon, Surveys Helper

### District 1

Sheri Armstrong, General Laborer;

### District 2

Rebecca Wynn, Field Clerk I

### District 4

Steve Carter, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

### District 10

Shelley Knuckles, Lynn Alexander, Jr., Emily Thompson, General Laborers

## PROMOTIONS

### Environmental

Brenda Price, Environmental Scientist I

### Internal Audit

Kelly Heaton, Electronic Data Processing Auditor

### Maintenance

Jason Orrick, Sign Crew Supervisor

### District 1

Jason Moore, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

### District 2

Thomas Gateley, Crew Leader

### District 3

Patti Clowers, Senior Inspector; James Lamb, Distributor/Roller Operator; Richard Oglesby, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator

### District 4

Bruce Bull, Paul Forst, Jason Sizemore, Distributor/Roller Operators; Ken Little, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.; Nicky Mings, Orval Nichols, Ronald Terrell, Maintenance Aides II; Serrita Scouden, Single Axle Truck Dr.; James Todd, Motor Patrol Opr./Finish

### District 5

Garry Cooper, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.; Alton Melton, Dozer Operator; Dennis St. John, Station Attendant II

### District 6

Eric Blankenship, Maintenance Aide I; John Nebling, Maintenance Aide II;

### District 7

Robert McKinnon, Const. Field Engr. II

### District 8

Juan Coronado, Distributor/Roller Opr.; James Dennis, Senior Inspector

### District 9

Terri Lasseter, Kelly Rogers, Patricia Swafford, Single Axle Truck Drivers; Donald Chenevey, Area Headquarters Attendant; Sherri Taylor, Construction Aide I

### District 10

Tammy Forbs, Bridge Inspector Helper

## SERVICE

### 40 Years

Don Stovall, D-6 Assistant Maintenance Superintendent

### 30 Years

Barbara Mize, D-6 Field Clerk II; William Spears, Jr., D-7 Asst. Resident Engineer

### 25 Years

Danny McLean, AHP Captain; Larry Watson, Facilities Management Const. Aide II; Dennald Stroud, Roadway Design Senior Designer; Sammy Horton, D-2 Motor Patrol Opr.; Bettye Carter-Johnson, D-2 Permit Officer; Larry Williams, D-8 Maintenance Aide II; Larry Richard, D-9 Sr. Body Repairer and Painter; Barry Tice, D-9 Senior Inspector

### 20 Years

Mike Webb, Environmental Section Head; Karen Colclasure, Maint. Mgmt. Analyst; Floyd Rippond, Jr., ROW Plans Designer II; Carl Bramlett, D-3 Crew Leader; Robin Linn, D-4 Construction Aide II;

Edward Fisher, D-4 Area Hdqtrs. Attd.; Dennis Robertson, D-6 Const. Aide II; Travis Greer, Jr., D-7 Hyd. Excavator Opr./Finish; William Cox, D-9 Distributor/Roller Opr.; Joe Nichols, D-9 Guard

### 15 Years

Danny Simmons, Surveys Crew Chief; Nancy Jumper, D-1 Area Hdqtrs. Attn.; Robert Marsh, D-4 Station Attendant II; Phyllis Leonard, D-9 Resident Office Technician

### 10 Years

Joann Pruitt, Matthew Hooper, AHP Patrol Officers First Class; James Kauffman, P&R Hwy. Perf. & Needs Technician; Kenny Smith, D-1 Maint. Aide I; Michael Trussell, Area Hdqtrs. Attendant; Raymond Williams, D-1 Hyd. Exc. Opr./Finish; Aronda Newman, D-2 Motor Patrol Opr.; James Thompson, D-3 Maint. Aide II; Jeffrey Jones, D-4 Inspector; Stacye Evans, D-4 Resident Office Tech.; Ronnie Stout, D-4 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish; James Jones, D-4 Multi-Axle Truck Dr.; Darrel Munnerlyn, D-5 Single Axle Tr. Dr.; James McClendon, D-6 Roller Operator; Jewell Archer, D-7 Dist. Maint. Engineer; Calvin Foster, D-10 Storeroom Asst. I; David Hendrix, D-10 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.

### 5 Years

Shawn Foust, AHP Patrol Officer; Carole Stafford, Fiscal Services Account Analyst; Jennifer Williams, Roadway Design Engineer; Timmy Jones, Surveys Aide II; Brenda Grubbs, D-1 Single Axle Tr. Dr.; Steven Hamilton, D-2 Senior Mechanic; Chris Penny, D-2 Station Attendant II; Marcus Watson, D-5 Single Axle Tr. Dr.; Brenda Harris, D-7 Distributor/Roller Operator; Joseph Fierro, D-9 Single Axle Tr. Dr.

## RETIREMENTS

There were no retirements in November 1997.